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US, GERMAN, FRENCH AIRBORNE OPERATION SET FOR MARCH 28-30

FORT BRAGG – Nearly 600 paratroopers will participate in the third annual Federal Eagle 2000 March 28-30, a combined, joint French/German/U.S. airborne operation. The 20th Engineer Brigade (Airborne) is the sponsor for this year's operation.

The purpose of the operation is to give deserving U.S. paratroopers from all over Fort Bragg the opportunity to earn the German or French jump wings, and for the French and German jumpmasters to earn U.S. jump wings.

German C-160 aircraft will be used for the first portion of the operation, with German and French jumpmasters giving the U.S. paratroopers jump commands. Paratroopers earning the French jump wings will use the French parachute to meet jump requirements. U.S. aircraft will be used in the second portion, with U.S. jumpmasters giving commands to French and German jumpmasters.

An awards ceremony will take place at March 30 at 4 p.m. on Sicily Drop Zone to present wings earned by the paratroopers.

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Note to Media: Due to limited space on the aircraft, only those filming the event will be allowed on the aircraft. Videographers and photographers who wish to gather footage of Federal Eagle 2000 from an aircraft must submit the following:

**Full name of videographer/photographer
Social Security Number
Organization represented
Permanent address
Name, full address and phone number of next of kin**

The above information must be delivered to the XVIII Airborne Corps Public Affairs Office no later than 4:30 p.m. March 17. Once names have been submitted, there can be no changes. Any attempts by a media organization to make last-minute changes may preclude them from filming on the aircraft.



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